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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: TERMINATE CONTRACT
FOR CONVENIENCE
PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING
PROJECT ID NO. RMD4246008
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF
WALNUT PARK AND FLORENCE-FIRESTONE
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 2
3 VOTES**

SUBJECT

Terminate for convenience a contract previously awarded by your Board for the trimming and removal of parkway trees in the unincorporated communities of Walnut Park and Florence-Firestone.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Terminate for convenience the contract with Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., for Parkway Tree Trimming, Road Divisions 141 and 241, Cycles A and F, in the unincorporated communities of Walnut Park and Florence-Firestone.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On January 15, 2008, your Board awarded a contract in the amount of \$170,570.00 to Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., for the trimming and removal of parkway trees.

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The purpose of the recommended action to terminate the contract for convenience is due to the fact that the contractor was not able to start the work prior to the bird nesting season, which runs from mid-March through September. The Department of Public Works will readvertise this project at a later date to complete the work outside of the bird nesting season.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1), Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4), and Community Services (Goal 6). The recommended action will allow the Department of Public Works to reschedule this tree trimming project.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The cost to readvertise the project will be minimal.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract documents provide for the termination for convenience of the contract by your Board if such action is in the best interest of the County.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(4), of the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project and is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Delaying the project will not impact the Department of Public Works' ability to maintain and ensure the controlled growth of the Countywide Urban Forest.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works,
Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. T. Fujioka', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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c: County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance